

**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR GEOLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: April 4, 2014
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine - Gardiner Annex, Northern Avenue,
Gardiner, Maine
Time Meeting Began: 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Robert Marvinney
Andrews Tolman
Irwin Novak
Daniel Bernier
Ivan Fernandez

The following members were absent:

David Rocque

Staff Present: Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Michelle Lovering, Board Clerk

AAG Present: Robert Perkins

OLD BUSINESS

A. Action on Board Minutes of January 23, 2014

A motion was made to accept the January 23, 2014 minutes as written.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez
Second: Andrews Tolman
Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

A. Clifford Lippitt – 2008-GEO-4244 – Dismissal of Complaint

The Board received the Law Court's decision in which the violation of the Board's Code of Ethics by Clifford Lippitt is hereby vacated. The matter is remanded to the Board for entry of an order in favor of Clifford Lippitt.

A motion was made to dismiss the complaint in accordance with the Law Court's decision.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez
Second: Andrews Tolman
Unanimous

B. Other Business

Robert Marvinney reflected on the Board's management of the Department's complaint process and asked members if there were lessons learned in the Lippett case with respect to how complaints are handled before they reach the Board. Additionally, Robert Perkins stated that there is a Department complaint process that is followed for all regulatory Boards, that it is unnecessary to implement new processes for complaints, and that the complaint against Mr. Lippett was handled in accordance with the Department's process.

Robert Marvinney stated that the low number of lapsed licenses during the years 2010 – 2013 appears to come from licensees from out-of-state or at retirement age.

Irwin Novak spoke about the possible elimination of the Geology Department at the University of Southern Maine and explored with members whether the Board could advocate for not eliminating the department. Members believed that taking a position is not within the authority of the Board.

Catherine Carroll spoke about the GOV delivery 'blast' that was emailed to the complete licensee pool. We received 129 responses signing up for Board meeting information, 136 responses signing up for Laws and Rules, and 136 responses signing up for Notices. Catherine also mentioned that a veteran from the U.S. Marine Corps who gained some of his experience as a geologists while serving has submitted an application for certification and is seeking credit for his training and experience while serving in the military toward license qualifications.

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lovering
Board Clerk